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SUBJECT: PM VORSTER STATEMENT ON KATIMA MULILO INCIDENT

FOLLOWING IS THETEXT OF PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S STATEMENT
OF AUGUST 24 ON THE KATIMA MULILO INCIDENT;

BEGIN TEXT:

THE SWAPO ATTACK FROM ZAMBIA ONCE AGAIN UNDERLINES
THE URGENT NECESSITY THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
UNITED NATIONS, THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND PARTICULARLY THE
FIVE WESTERN POWERS SHOULD NOW FINALLY INSIST UPON SWAPO
MAKING A SWIFT CHOICE BETWEEN A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND
VIOLENCE. SWAPO CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE UPON THE
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BASIS OF ITS HALF-HEARTED AND OSTENSIBLE CONDITIONAL
ACCEPTANCE OF THE FIVE'S PLAN TO CONTINUE ITS POLITICAL
CAMPAIGN WITH SOUTH WEST AFRICA ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH
ALL OTHER PARTIES ON THE ONE HAND AND ON THE OTHER TO
CONTINUE WITH ATROCITIES AS THOSE WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED.

A RESPONSIBILITY ALSO RESTS UPON THOSE COUNTRIES
WHICH MAKE THEIR TERRITORY AVAILABLE TO SWAPO FOR ITS

OPERATIONS. THESE OPERATIONS LEAD TO CASUALTIES AMONGST
THEIR OWN PEOPLE. PRESUMABLY THESE COUNTRIES WOULD WISH
TO HAVE PEACE ON THEIR BORDERS.

THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE
THAT THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT OFFICIALLY INVOLVED
WITH THE LATEST INCIDENT. THIS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT
SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE HAS NO OTHER
OPTION BUT TO ACT IN SUCH A WAY IN FUTURE THAT SUCH ACTS
CANNOT EASILY BE REPEAT AND THAT ALL PEOPLES OF
SOUTH WEST AFRICA BE GIVEN THE BEST PROTECTION AGAINST
SUCH ACTS OF VIOLENCE.
END TEXT.
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